

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 STATE 083040
ORIGIN ACDA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 H-01 INR-10 IO-13
L-03 NSAE-00 OIC-02 OMB-01 PA-01 PM-05 SP-02
SS-15 TRSE-00 DODE-00 NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00
INRE-00 /078 R

DRAFTED BY ACDA/ISP:DHARTIGAN:SHC
APPROVED BY ACDA/ISP:JNEWHOUSE
OSD:DMCGIFFERT
JCS:JCLELAND
ACDA/ISP:LFISCHER
PM:LGELB
EUR:JGOODBY
S/P:PWILSON
NSC:RBARTHOLOMEW

-----060971 311616Z /72

O 311550Z MAR 78
FM SECSTATE WASHDC
TO USDEL MBFR VIENNA IMMEDIATE
INFO USMISSION USNATO IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE
USNMR SHAPE
USCINCEUR

S E C R E T STATE 083040

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO, MBFR

SUBJECT:MBFR: GUIDANCE TO US MBFR DELEGATION

1. US REPRESENTATIVE IS AUTHORIZED TO USE THE GUIDANCE IN
C-M(77)96, SUPPLEMENTED AS FOLLOWS:

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 STATE 083040

A. PENDING A FURTHER REVIEW OF THE DESIRABILITY OF PLACING
POST-REDUCTION CEILINGS ON SOVIET DIVISIONS AND UNTIL A
DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED: US REPRESENTATIVE WILL INFORM
THE AHG THAT THE US IS REVIEWING THE MATTER OF EXPLICIT
RESIDUAL LIMITS ON SOVIET DIVISIONS, AND SEEK AHG AGREED
ANSWER TO CONTINGENCY QUESTIONS THAT, IF WITHDRAWN MANPOWER
AND TANKS CANNOT BE CONSTRAINED EFFECTIVELY FROM REINTRO-

DUCTION BY THE ASSOCIATED MEASURES REFERENCED IN PARA 9 C-M(77)96, THE WEST MAY REQUIRE OTHER PROVISIONS IN AN AGREEMENT TO ACHIEVE THE NATO OBJECTIVE OF A LASTING, VERIFIABLE REDUCTION OF FORWARD DEPLOYED SOVIET OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY. THEREFORE, PRIOR TO USG DECISION ON THE REVIEW REFERENCED ABOVE, IN THIS REGARD, NO STATEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE IN VIENNA WHICH WOULD FORECLOSE REQUIRING EXPLICIT CONSTRAINTS ON SOVIET REINTRODUCTION OR RECONSTITUTION IN THE NGA OF WITHDRAWN SOVIET DIVISIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH THE DISCUSSION OF ASSOCIATED MEASURES (VERIFICATION,

STABILIZING, AND NON-CIRCUMVENTION), THE US REPRESENTATIVE WILL REITERATE THESE SAME POINTS.

B. TO HELP ASSURE THE WITHDRAWAL OF TANKS IN THE FIVE SOVIET DIVISIONS: US REPRESENTATIVE WILL MAKE CLEAR TO THE AHG OUR VIEW THAT C-M(77)96 IS TO BE INTERPRETED AS REQUIRING THAT THE 1,700 TANKS TO BE WITHDRAWN WILL INCLUDE ALL OF THE TANKS IN THE FIVE SOVIET DIVISIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN AND THAT WESTERN STATEMENTS TO THE EAST SHOULD BE IN ACCORD WITH THIS INTERPRETATION.

C. TO AVOID ANY COMMITMENT THAT THE US WOULD NECESSARILY TAKE REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II UNTIL A FURTHER REVIEW HAS BEEN MADE AND A NATO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED: US REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE LANGUAGE OF
SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 03 STATE 083040

C-M(77)96 IN DISCUSSING US REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II OR COMMIT THE US TO TAKE REDUCTIONS IN PHASE II WITHOUT FURTHER AUTHORIZATION FROM THE US GOVERNMENT. COOPER

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BRIEFING MATERIALS, MEETING DELEGATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 31 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978STATE083040
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: DHARTIGAN:SHC
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780140-0376
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t1978032/aaaaabke.tel
Line Count: 97
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ce5081bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN ACDA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 13 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3187602
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR: GUIDANCE TO US MBFR DELEGATION
TAGS: PARM, US, NATO, MBFR
To: MBFR VIENNA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ce5081bc-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014